

REMARKS**Claim Status**

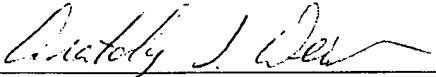
Claims 1-45 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5-7, and 9-11 have been amended; claims 12-21 have been canceled without prejudice; claims 22-45 have been added.

Conclusion

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested from the Examiner. To discuss any matter pertaining to the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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